

library facilities must be taken into account. It is hoped that, by encouraging the young people to use the library as a place of study as well as one of recreation, we will enable them, as they grow older, to retain this habit formed in their school years.

CLASS 993.1 NEW ZEALAND

FURTHER SUBDIVISION AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LIBRARY

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UNTIL RECENTLY the New Zealand section of the General Assembly Library was classified according to a scheme of Mr H. L. James which was used instead of classes 993.1 and 919.31 of Dewey. This expansion had the advantage of enabling a more detailed classification to be used with a shorter notation, and it made provision for the Maori and for Maori history. Unfortunately, however, it proved so difficult to use that in latter years books were arranged alphabetically by author and no place or period divisions used, though of course call numbers were still given to the books. This continued until the collection grew to such an extent that the lazier members of the staff, like myself, began to find it too difficult always to remember who had written on any particular aspect of New Zealand. It was necessary to refer to the catalogue when wanting material on a certain place.

When it became necessary to make some order out of this chaos, it was at first thought that the easiest method would be to arrange the books by Mr James' classification, but because of one or two minor peculiarities, this was found to be unsatisfactory. Finally it was decided to reclassify the whole collection according to the expansion of 993.1 drawn up by the NZLA and printed in *New Zealand Libraries* 9:205 N '46.

But when it came to applying this system to the large number of books in the General Assembly Library it was found to be inadequate. Firstly, there was no place for Maoris or Maori history, and secondly, the geographical divisions were not minute enough. To overcome the first objection it was decided to adapt the division given under 970.1, American Indians, which gives a considerably expanded system for use in classifying the books on the Indians of North America.

Together with the tribal subdivisions made by Mr James in his Maori class, it has proved very satisfactory. It has the advantage of taking away from 572 much historical material, which tends to clutter up this already unwieldy class, and places it in its proper position as a part of New Zealand history. It also gives a position for the lives of Maoris, which are apt to be lost in the general biography section.

Secondly, the geographical divisions have been expanded. These are based partly on Mr James' classification, but mainly on books which

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have already been written. It was not considered necessary to subdivide Nelson, Marlborough, Westland and Canterbury, as these provinces do not seem to have been quite so prolific in literature of the smaller districts, and also are not so divided by hills or mountains as to produce definite geographical divisions. The geographical expansion has proved very useful.

The expansion is being used for the Dewey decimal class numbers given in the Copyright list, and for the benefit of those using this list, it is given below.

EXPANSION OF CLASS 993.1 NEW ZEALAND

- 993.1001 Maoris (as 970.1)
 - 2 Lives of Maoris
 - 3 Special tribes
 - 31 Ngapuhi, Rarawa, Ngatiwhatua, etc.
 - 32 Waikato, Ngatimaniapoto
 - 33 Arawa, Ngatituwharetoa.
 - 34 Urewera
 - 35 Ngatikahungunu, Ngatiporou
 - 36 Ngatiawa, etc.
 - 37 Taranaki, Ngatiruanui
 - 38 Ngaitahu
 - 39 Ngatimanoa, Waitaha
 - 399 Moriori
 - 4 Special provinces (divided like 993.1)
 - 5 Treatment
 - 6 Special subjects
 - Character
 - Civilization
 - Agriculture, etc.

Period Divisions

- 993.101 To 1839
 - 2 Crown colony period, 1840-1853
 - 25 Maori wars, 1843-1872
 - 3 Provincial government period, 1853-1876
 - 4 General government period (Colony), 1877-1907
 - 5 Dominion, 1907-

Geographical divisions

- 993.11 Auckland province
 - 111 Auckland city
 - 2 North Auckland
 - 5 South Auckland (Waikato, West Coast)
 - 6 Coromandel. Bay of Plenty
 - 7 Thermal regions Taupo
 - 8 Gisborne East Coast
 - 12 Taranaki
 - 121 New Plymouth
 - 13 Hawkes Bay
 - 131 Napier
 - 2 Wairoa—H.B.
 - 5 Southern H.B.

993.14	Wellington
141	Wellington city
2	National Park, etc.
3	Wanganui
4	Rangitikei
5	Manawatu
6	Horowhenua
7	Makara, Western Hutt County, Johnsonville
8	Wairarapa
9	Hutt Valley
15	Nelson
151	Nelson city
6	Marlborough
16	Westland
17	Canterbury
171	Christchurch
5	South Canterbury
18	Otago
181	Dunedin
2	North Otago
3	Central Otago
4	South Otago
5	Southland
6	West Coast Sounds
7	Stewart Island
19	Outlying islands

STANDING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NOTES ON MEETING OF 30TH JUNE, 1949

Present: C. S. Perry (in the chair), G. T. Alley, H. W. B. Bacon, N. Bateson, M. S. Fleming, H. G. Miller, W. S. Wauchop and the Secretary.

Collection and publication of annual statistics: The Hon. Secretary reported that the Census and Statistics Department had prepared a form for the collection of statistics from public libraries and that copies were sent to libraries under the control of local authorities on 26th May with the request that they be filled in and returned to the Department by the end of June. The report was received.

Guide to New Zealand Reference Material: The Hon. Secretary reported that he had been informed by Mr Dowling that publication of the 2nd edition of the *Guide* could not be expected for several months, since Mr Harris wished to check the page proofs and prepare the index. The galley proofs had, however, already been corrected by Mr Dowling, and the page proofs had been sent to Mr Harris by air mail. The report was received.